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Attached is Applicant's response to the office action of September 28, 2005

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action and Restriction Requirement of September 28, 2005, requiring election of one of two groups of claims, i.e., Group I (claims 1-4 and 22-26) or Group II (claims 5-19 and 22-26), Applicants provisionally elect Group II (claims 5-19 and 22-26). However, the Applicants do so with traverse. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.